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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INCLUSION OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS AS ESSENTIAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The list of drugs which have been included in the existing list of essential medicines;

(b) Whether several life saving drugs have not been included in the list of essential medicines;

(c) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) The steps being taken for inclusion of these drugs in the list of essential medicines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) :The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has included 354 drugs in the National List of Essential Medicines and is available on CDSCO website (www.cdsco.nic.in)

(b) &(c): Yes sir , the National List of Essential Medicines contains drugs which are considered adequate to meet the contemporary health care needs of the population in the country. All drugs required for the treatment could be considered life saving at one time or the other. However, the present list includes drugs required in the emergency care or life threatening situation.

(d): Question does not arise.